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House of Representatives, February 23, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LOOK of Jonesboro.

Cosponsored by Representative ROTONDI of Athens, Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

**An Act to Eliminate the Requirement that Counties Provide Facilities
and Equipment to State Courts.**



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 4 MRSA §115, first ¶, as amended by PL 1981, c. 647, §1, is
5 further amended to read:

7 In each county, the place for holding court shall be located
9 in a building designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme
11 Judicial Court or his a designee, who, with the advice and
13 approval of the Bureau of Public Improvements, is empowered to
15 negotiate, on behalf of the State, the leases, contracts and
17 other arrangements he the Chief Justice or a designee considers
19 necessary, within the limits of appropriations and other funds
available to the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts, to provide
suitable quarters, adequately furnished and equipped, for the
Supreme Judicial or Superior Court in each county. ~~The county
commissioners in each county shall continue to provide for the
use of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts such quarters,
facilities, furnishings and equipment in existing county
buildings as were in use on January 1, 1976, without charge.~~

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23 STATEMENT OF FACT

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25 The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the requirement
27 that counties provide, at their own expense, facilities and
equipment to the state courts.